**MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR :** Action is taken against them as per the terms of agreement. They will lose their security amounts and they are given certain penalties. Further contracts will not also be given to them.

**MR. P. O. THOMAS :** Will the Government be pleased to sanction quotas to merchants in North Travancore in view to the fact that it will lighten the cost of the yarn to be distributed among the merchants in North Travancore?

**MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR :** It will be considered provided they are entitled to it under the Rules.

**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI :** Will the Government consider the possibility of making efficient arrangements to get the quantity imported into Travancore and in distributing it to a number of people?

**MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR :** Sometimes we are troubled on account of the shipping space and transport arrangements. We are given only a little time during which period we have to get the quantity and distribute it here. Barring such obstacles Government will try to get the entire quota and see to its proper distribution.

*Agency for yarn distribution.*

465. ***MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI :** Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether it is a fact that yarn has been entrusted to individuals for distribution ; and

(*b*) if so, what was the principle upon which it was given?

**MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR :** (*a*) After the All India Yarn Distribution Scheme came into effect, distribution of yarn to weaving schools alone is being effected through individual merchants.

(*b*) Stocks are placed with merchants who supply yarn to weaving schools on chits issued by the Textile Assistant.

**MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI :** May I know whether any quantity of yarn has been handed over to individuals for distribution in taluks?

**MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR :** Usually the Taluk Committees and the Co-operative Societies are distributing, but in certain cases, as it is stated in the answer itself, individual merchants are chosen and they distribute it to the weaving schools after getting permission from the Textile Commissioner or his Assistant who knows what their requirements are.

**MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI :** Are there not instances where individuals are entrusted with yarn not for distributing to weaving schools but for distribution in their respective areas?

**MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR :** There are no instances like that.

**MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI :** I challenge that statement.

**PRESIDENT :** If that challenge is conveyed in writing, the Government will go into the matter.

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